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# BEWARE

# No more jolly rides during LOCKDOWN

▶ Cops seize vehicles moving unnecessarily

▶ Seized vehicles to be released only after a week

*City Police checking vehicles on New Sayyaji Rao Road near Government Ayurveda Hospital Circle this morning.*

Mysuru, May 21 (RK,MTY &KS)- Motorists, especially two-wheeler riders, who are out on a care-free and jolly ride by flouting lockdown rules and moving around city unnecessarily should now be very careful as their vehicles, once seized, would be released only after a week.

Following instructions from Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai to seize all vehicles moving around necessarily on roads, Mysuru City Traffic Police have swung into action and intensified the checking today by seizing many vehicles.

This morning, the Traffic and Civil Cops were seen conducting checking by barricading roads at Dufferin Clock Tower, Hardinge Circle, Agrahara, Saraswathipuram, Kuvempunagar, Government Ayurveda Hospital Circle, Nehru Circle, K.R. Circle and other prominent junctions. About 50 vehicles were seized.

**(See JOLLY RIDES on page 7)**

# City Corporation adopts Micro Triage and Reverse Isolation strategies

**By M.T. Yogesh Kumar**

Mysuru, May 21- Mysuru is going micro to muscle out COVID-19, which has swamped the city overwhelmingly during the second wave. Taking a cue from Mumbai and Bengaluru models, the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) that has already begun house-to-house survey and health check-ups, has now launched two innovative strategies to tackle the virus spread — Micro Triage based on the principle of decentralisation and Reverse Isolation or Reverse Quarantine.

*Shilpa Nag*

Under Micro Triage, the entire COVID tackling system will be decentralised and move to micro-level where the MCC is targeting over 70 to 80 Apartments and Group Housing Complexes where people, irrespective of being COVID-positive or negative, will be screened at their doorsteps and further advice is given.

**(See MICRO TRIAGE on page 6)**

## Reverse Isolation to flatten COVID-19 curve

The Mysuru City Corporation will implement Reverse Quarantine or Reverse Isolation to expedite the process of flattening the COVID curve. Reverse quarantine is the practice of detaching the most vulnerable people from the family member who has tested positive for the virus. "People having underlying medical conditions, those aged 65 years and above and persons who are immune-compromised and children will be sequestered from their family members who have contracted the disease," MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag told *SOM*.

Vulnerable individuals should be separated even from their family members, who have high risk of exposure. "We have observed that in any family if one person is infected, the others too are getting infected increasing the case load and leading to deaths in Mysuru. We have decided to separate the un-infected from the house and accommodate them in various facilities within the city like hostels," she said.

The idea of Reverse Isolation has been proposed to the MCC by Rotary and Citizens Forum of Mysuru. Once separated from the infected family member, the other members will be provided with medicine, food, counselling and other assistance. As the chances of silent spreaders remain high, the vulnerable group may easily get exposed to the infected family member, she said.

"They will be treated like a day-care centre where they will be housed at designated places and their routine, activity, food and medicines will be taken care of by the MCC. Detaching the most vulnerable group is essential as their chances of contraction of the virus are high and if that happens it will overburden the already overburdened city's healthcare system," the MCC Commissioner added.

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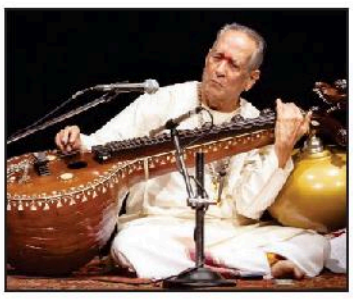
# Online Veena concert by Prof. R. Visweswaran



Mysuru, May 21- Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust, Mysuru, will present an online veena concert by eminent senior musician Prof. R. Visweswaran on their YouTube channel. The concert, which is in two parts, will be premièred at 5 pm on next two Saturdays (May 22 and May 29) respectively.

Prof. R. Visweswaran is an internationally acclaimed veena player, vocalist, musicologist and composer and writer. He has performed on number of reputed platforms at home and abroad in his musical journey of more than eight decades. His unique veena playing style, adherence to purity, original insights in his writings and series of popular lecture demonstrations have drawn appreciation from music lovers, scholars and critics across the globe. He has been conferred with several National and State awards.

Prof. Visweswaran will be accompanied by Vid. Tumkur B. Ravishankar on mridanga, Vid. G. S. Ramanujan on ghata and Vid. V. S. Ramesh on morching.

Music-lovers are requested to watch the concert by visiting Sabha's YouTube channel at Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust.

## EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

***The mask, no doubt, has become the most important part of our wardrobe. We look after each of these defensive weapons against the SARS-CoV-2 virus as if our life depends on them, and it does to quite an extent if kept clean and worn properly. But they have played truant under cover of protection, some in humorous ways amid the prevailing gloom. Words and emotions are muffled, and these play a crucial link with our understanding of those around us. It compromises our social mechanism, of understanding and being understood, of mutual vibes, be they good or bad.***

***You step out of your house and are intercepted by a neighbour who appears to be glaring at you from the eyes just above the top lining of the mask. You wonder why. Some muffled words escape his multi-layered N-95, which don't actually do justice to your cochlear system to effectively register in your brain. Suddenly, you are in a fix, not knowing how to react to the "stare" and the muffled utterances. Well, you have been tricked. Had the mask not been on my neighbour's face, it could have been a brilliant smile, and the 'sounds' would probably have been a "good morning" or "have a nice day" or an enquiry about health, family or work — something pleasant. But now, you never know. Smiles remain hidden, expressions remain veiled, and voices become mere sounds without meaning, or worse, even misunderstood.***

***We have come to such a point where not wearing masks would let the microscopic invaders get the upper hand, playing havoc with your respiratory, nervous and gastrointestinal systems. No humour in that. Billions can vouch for that. In this war — it can be justifiably described as that — every individual needs to be a fortress, the mask being the prime one, vaccination or not. So, instead of cribbing over having to wear a mask, let's find some humour in doing so, and stay protected. Jim Carey would agree! I would prefer the 'Mask' he had...*** *— Nirad Mudur in The New Indian Express*

## NEWS SPARKLERS

### Wearable third eye that lets you walk safely

Seoul: An industrial design student has created a high-tech third eye that can be affixed to a person's forehead and look out for obstacles as they walk, while their real eyes are glued to their smartphone.

There's no denying that smartphones have become an integral part of modern life. Most of us spend hours every day staring at our handhelds and some even do it as we walk or drive. One may have probably seen funny clips of people falling into water fountains or holes because they were looking at their phones or maybe actually experienced something similar. Well, thanks to Minwook Paeng's Third Eye, one will be able to text or browse Instagram as they walk, without fear of accidents.

### The bridge famous for scalping trucks

North Carolina: Most bridges in North Carolina have a 15-foot clearance, but the one at the intersection of Gregson and Peabody streets in Durham is over 100 years old, so it has a clearance of 11 feet 8 inches. That's pretty rare, so many drivers don't really pay attentions to the warning signs and they become a victim of the famous can opener bridge.

Over the years, Durham's 11'8" bridge in damaged well over 100 trucks. It has become such a problem that State authorities went out of their way to mark it as an unusually low clearance bridge, in the hope that most overheight truck drivers would turn back.

But the thing is a lot o them don't pay attention to the signs, and by the time they realize they may not fit, it's too late. In the end, the State had no choice but to break the piggy bank and lift the old train bridge by 20 centimeters, to avoid accidents, but that doesn't seem to have done much good, as the can opener recently claimed its 167th victim.

## HEALTH CAPSULE

Take action to manage your allergies effectively. Allergies can be triggered by anything even natural food like milk and egg. People may observe mild to severe reaction due to this. Taking precautions and managing it well without ignoring can help in getting back to normalcy.

***By Kavya J. - Department of Nutrition & Dietetics***

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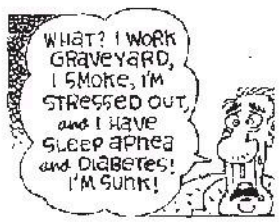
**** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature***




Risk factors for hypertension include: Shift work, especially night shift, smoking, stress and anxiety, obstructive sleep apnea, kidney disease, diabetes, thyroid problems and heart disease.

**COVID-19 UPDATE -** MYSURU

| DATES | MAY 19 | MAY 20 |
|---|---|---|
| Day's Positive Cases | 1,730 | 1,879 |
| Total Positive Cases | 1,17,753 | 1,19,632 |
| Day's Discharges | 1,809 | 2,489 |
| Total Discharges | 1,02,454 | 1,04,943 |
| Day's Deaths | 14 | 16 |
| Total Deaths | 1,437 | 1,453 |
| Total Active Cases | 13,862 | 13,236 |

*NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin*

# 'Follow Union Health Ministry guidelines for vaccination'

Mysuru, May 21-National Health Mission has directed Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri not to allow diversion of vaccine supplied by the Government of India and use it to vaccinate only healthcare and frontline workers.

According to a press release, this order followed classification of bank, transport and railway employees as frontline workers and vaccinating them with the vaccine supplied to inoculate people above 45 years of age, by certain States.

This has hampered the vaccination of health and frontline workers. Hence, every District Administration must strictly follow the guidelines issued by Union Health Ministry in regard to vaccination, and follow it strictly, the release added.

## REALLY...?

- ***People think that ceiling fans make a room colder whereas, in reality, it is the opposite. In fact, ceiling fans heat the room. The reason behind this is the basic rules of physics. The motors of fans are electric devices that convert electrical energy into mechanical energy. The output is heat. According to the second law of thermodynamics, the heat from the warm room goes into the cold room which gives the feeling that your room is cool. Hence, ceiling fans do not cool your room.***

## LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

***Three men are riding on just one motorcycle. They pass a Police patrol. The Policeman shouts after them: "Police! Stop your vehicle now!" But they just continue driving past. The last man turns around and yells: "Sorry dude! We can't take you on, we're already one too many!"***

## TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 US Dollar | = Rs. 73.02 |
| 1 UK Pound | = Rs. 103.52 |
| 1 UAE Dirham | = Rs. 19.88 |
| 1 Euro | = Rs. 89.31 |

## VOICE OF THE READER

# Speed-up vaccination drive

Sir,

Prevention is better than cure, so goes the adage. Presently, we are neither fully preventing COVID-19 nor totally curing all the affected people. The main issue here is fund crunch and politics, as usual. The vaccine's efficacy being 85%, the authorities must go with full speed to get everyone vaccinated, post-haste. It should cover the youngest one to the oldest ones. This can be achieved by forming small groups of employees consisting of a physician, a laptop operator and two nurses. These groups should go door-to-door throughout the country in a systematic manner and cover the entire eligible population.

If the indigenous production of vaccine is not sufficient, then get the vaccines on topmost priority from anywhere in the world. Once the people are fully vaccinated, the chances of spreading of the disease is reduced considerably. If some one gets affected it will be in a mild form and not life-threatening. That would indirectly lessen the demand for beds, curative medicines, oxygen and so on, which means no more loss of lives. To finance all these, the Government has to stop non-essential expenses, development works, official celebrations etc.

—A.V. Kumar

Brindavan Extension

18.5.2021

## Fishermen neglected during pandemic

Mangaluru, May 21 (UNI)- Former Minister Pramod Madhwaraj on Thursday accused the BJP Government of neglecting the interests of fishing community during the present times of COVID despite getting the support of community during election.

Speaking to mediapersons here, he said the Government has cheated the fishermen by not announcing any package despite they being worst hit by COVID-induced lockdown. He urged the Government to postpone loan repayment term of the fishermen by six months and also to waive the interest.

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## Shortage of Amphotericin-B to be resolved soon: Union Minister

New Delhi, May 21 (SSV)- Minister of State for Chemicals and Fertilisers Mansukh Mandaviya has said the shortage of Amphotericin-B will be resolved soon. Amphotericin-B is used for treatment of Mucormycosis. The Minister informed that within three days, 5 more Pharma companies have got new Drug Approval for producing it in India, in addition to the existing 6 Pharma companies. The existing Pharma companies have already started ramping up the production, he added.

He said Indian Companies have also placed orders for importing 6 lakh vials of Amphotericin-B. The Government is leaving no stone unturned to smoothen the situation, he added.

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

Financial Relief of more than
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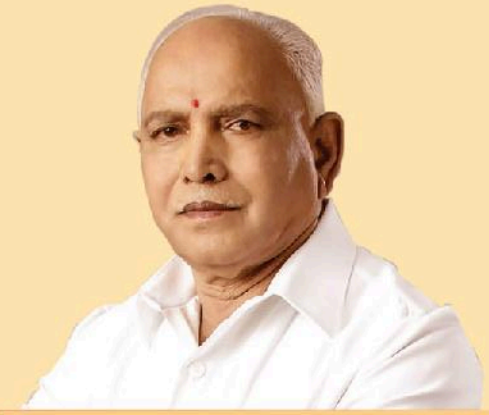
Government's timely response to the problems caused by Covid-19 2nd wave



Sri Narendra Modi
Hon'ble Prime Minister of India

To benefit Farmers, Barbers, Labourers, Auto-Taxi Drivers and other communities affected by Covid-19 2nd wave

Sri B.S. Yediyurappa
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka

**Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojane Total ₹ 180 Crore**
Free distribution of 5 kg Rice for May and June to BPL and Antyodaya card holders from the Central Government. Distribution to 30 lakh additional families by the State Government through this Central Government Scheme. (Benefit to 4.34 Crore beneficiaries of 1.26 crore Ration Cards)

**Free food at Indira Canteens Total ₹ 25.00 Crore**
Free food for around 6.00 lakh poor people and labourers in BBMP and city limits.

**For Fruit and Vegetable Farmers Total ₹ 69.00 Crore**
Financial aid to 69,000 Fruit and Vegetable Farmers at Rs. 10,000/- per hectare limited to maximum of 1 hectare

**For Construction Labourers Total ₹ 494.00 Crore,**
Rs. 3,000/- each for Construction Labourers.

**For Street Vendors Total ₹ 44.00 Crore**
Rs. 2,000/- each to around 2.20 Lakh Street Vendors (Having registered under Atma Nirbhar Nidhi).

**Artists/Cultural Groups - Total ₹ 4.82 Crore**
Rs. 3,000/- each to around 16,095 Artists/Cultural Groups.

**Free Treatment to Covid Patients More than ₹ 956 Crore spent**
For the first time in the country free treatment given to around 2.06 Covid patients in Govt. and private hospitals during the 1st and 2nd wave.

**Grant to 6000 Gram Panchayats**
Action for advance of Rs. 50,000/- to each Gram Panchayat from S.D.R.F. Fund for Covid Management.

**Distribution of Food Grains Total ₹ 24.00 Crore**
Distribution of 10 kg. Rice Free for May and June to Ration Card holders and applicants who have applied for Ration Card (BPL) and 10 kg. Rice at Rs. 15 per kg. to APL applicants. This will benefit a total of 3.10 lakh applicants.

**For Flower Growers - Total ₹ 12.73 Crore :** Rs. 10,000/- per hectare for around 20,000 flower growers.

**For Auto-Taxi- Maxi Cab Drivers Total ₹ 63.00 Crore**
Rs. 3000/- each to around 2.10 lakh Auto-Taxi- Maxi Cab Drivers (Possessing License and having registration).

**Unorganised Labourers Total ₹ 60.89 Crore**
Rs. 2,000/- each for Unorganised Labourers like Barbers, Dhobis, Tailors, Coolies, Rag Pickers, Potters, Kiln Workers, Coldsmiths, Mechanics, Blacksmiths, Housemaids, Cobblers.

**Time Extension for installment repayment to small, medium and long-term borrowers - Total ₹ 134.38 Crore**
Repayment of small, medium and long-term loans availed by farmers and self help groups from primary agricultural credit co-operative societies and land development banks has been extended from 01-05-2020 to 31-07-2021. This will benefit 4.25 lakh farmers.

**Free Vaccination to citizens aged between 18-45 - Total ₹ 1000.00 Crore**
Order has been issued for purchase of 3 Crore doses of vaccine to vaccinate all citizens in the age of 18-45 free of cost.

**Appointment of Doctors for Covid Treatment**
To facilitate Covid treatment appointment of 2,150 Doctors within 3 days.

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Call to observe May 26 as 'Black Day'

The Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM) has given a call to observe May 26 as a Black Day for Indian Democracy. On this day the Narendra Modi headed BJP-led NDA Government took oath of office in 2014 and then again on May 30 in 2019. May 26 is the day when the Chalo Dilli Kisan Andolan completes 6 months. It is also the day when the All India Strike called by the Central Trade Unions (CTUs) on their continued demands for cash transfer to poor families, universally free rations to all needy, expansion of MGNREGA (Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act - 2005) and new employment scheme for urban areas, against privatisation of PSUs and government departments, for scraping NPS (National Pension System) and restoration of earlier pension scheme etc., becomes six-month-old, the Morcha said.

### Fifth Oxygen Express train arrives in Bengaluru

The fifth Oxygen Express special train arrived at Whitefield in Bengaluru city outskirts yesterday, from Tatanagar, Jharkhand. A signal free 'Green Corridor' was created by the Railways to enable swift transport of Oxygen Express. The train carried 8 Cryogenic Containers and each Container carried 20 Tonnes of Liquid Medical Oxygen (Total tonnage: 160 Tonnes), according to a SWR release on Thursday. So far, Karnataka has received 640 Tonnes of Liquid Medical Oxygen by Rail. Indian Railways has so far run 196 Oxygen Expresses and transported nearly 11,800 Tonnes of Liquid Medical Oxygen all over the country to assist State Governments in their fight against COVID-19.

## WATER LEVEL

**KABINI DAM**

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| Maximum | : | 2,284.00 | feet |
| Today | : | 2263.88 | feet |
| Inflow | : | 1,845 | cusecs |
| Outflow | : | 725 | cusecs |

**HARANGI DAM**

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|---|---|---|---|
| Maximum | : | 2,859.00 | feet |
| Today | : | 2,821.98 | feet |
| Inflow | : | 193 | cusecs |
| Outflow | : | 80 | cusecs |

# All PHCs to conduct COVID tests

## Dy. CM chairs Mysuru District Officers meeting

Mysuru, May 21 (SSV)- Instructions have been given to conduct Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) and RT-PCR tests in all Primary Health Centres (PHCs) in the District to check the growth of COVID-19 pandemic, said Deputy Chief Minister and COVID-19 Ministerial Task Force Committee Chairman Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan.

He was speaking to media after chairing a meeting of District Officers to take stock of Coronavirus in Mysuru District here yesterday.

The Minister said officers have been asked to conduct COVID-related tests in both Primary Health Centres in rural areas and also in Urban PHCs in city. All kinds of awareness campaigns were being held to check the spread of the contagion. ASHA and Anganwadi workers have been asked to visit every house in their area to find out people with Corona symptoms and subject them for testing.

Oxygen has been allotted to district according to bed strength and the quota will be hiked at the time of creating new oxygenated beds, he said adding that the Government has not spared any efforts to check this pandemic.

He said the situation across the State has improved eversince total lockdown has been imposed and the Mysuru District Administration has been asked to still improve the situation in the district

Asked about extending the new concept of COVID Mitra in other districts because if its success in Mysuru, Dr. Ashwathnarayan said along with following Government guidelines, a few districts have adopted their own style to contain the contagion.

Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI) has been one among the six Institutes identified by the State Government to give treatment for Black Fungus. Efforts were on to supply the required medicines on war-footing, the Dy.CM noted.

*Deputy Chief Minister and COVID-19 Ministerial Task Force Committee Chairman Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan holding a meeting at ZP Hall yesterday. MLAs G.T. Devegowda, L. Nagendra and B. Harshavardhan, Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri, MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag, City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta, Superintendent of Police C.B. Ryshyanth and other officials were present.*

# 'Secret' treatment of Black Fungus is offence, asserts COVID-19 Ministerial Task Force Head

- Free treatment for this disease arranged in Mysuru, Bengaluru, Hubballi, Kalaburagi, Mangaluru and Shivamogga Regional Centres

Mysuru, May 21 (SSV)- No Hospital must treat Black Fungus patients secretly and even patients must inform the State Government about availing treatment for this disease, said Deputy Chief Minister and COVID-19 Ministerial Task Force Committee Chairman Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan.

Speaking to mediapersons after seeking the blessings of Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji here yesterday, the Minister said this disease was appearing in COVID recovered patients and the Government has kept a watch on them.

Taking treatment for this disease has to be brought to the notice of the Government compulsorily. It will be an offence to treat patients of Black Fungus covertly. At the same time, even patients will be liable for the stern action if they were found taking treatment silently. He said so far, there is no official information regarding death of patients suffering from Black Fungus. However, they have got information about over hundred persons are suffering from this disease.

To treat the Black Fungus cases across Karnataka, the State Government has identified Regional Centres like Mysore Medical College and Research Institute, Shimoga Institute of Medical Sciences, Gulbarga Institute of Medical Sciences in Kalaburagi, Karnataka Institute of Medical Sciences in Hubballi, Kasturba Medical College in Manipal and Wenlock Hospital in Mangaluru where free treatment has been arranged besides in Bengaluru.

The medicine to treat this disease, Liposomal Amphotericin B injection, was not manufactured in India. Now, arrangements were made to manufacture this injection in the country. More quantity of this medicine is likely to be available soon, he said.

At present, the Government of India was importing this medicine and distributing to those States which have recorded these cases. The shortage of this drugs will be addressed soon, he noted.

The Dy.CM ruled out reduction in daily COVID tests and claimed that the number of tests were more than target. However, some reforms have been brought in. While the Government laboratories have one lakh testing capacity daily, private labs can test 75,000 RT-PCR swab collection. As many as 50,000 Rapid Antigen Tests were conducted daily, he said adding that already, 30 lakh RAT kits have been purchased and the Government has decided to buy another one crore RAT kits and RT-PCR test kits.

Replying to a question, the Deputy Chief Minister said there was no restrictions on the purchase of medicines and the Government has given complete freedom to the Health Department.

In the last one year, the Government has created 30,000 oxygenated beds and installed more than 3,000 ventilators. Besides, adequate staff have been appointed and also implemented 7th Pay Commission, he said.

Dr. Ashwathnarayan said after Maharashtra, Karnataka has received the maximum number of Remdesivir injection. This has been supplied free of cost to patients admitted in the Government and Private Hospitals, under the Government quota. As many as 35 lakh to 40 lakh people have received medicines from the Government. Hitherto, they had a practice of storing the medicine in district-level. However, as the demand for the medicines jacked up, they have to make alternative arrangements. Now, the system was in place, he noted.

*Deputy Chief Minister Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan seeking the blessings of Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji in city yesterday.*

# Mysuru still in RED ZONE

- Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan suggests to ramp up testing
- Government willing to supply medicines in bulk

Mysuru, May 21 (MK&SSV)- Mysuru District is still in 'Red Zone' due to unchecked cases of Corona positive cases and mortality rate and it is the responsibility of everyone to check this pandemic at any cost, said Deputy Chief Minister and COVID-19 Ministerial Task Force Committee Chairman Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan.

Speaking to media after chairing a meeting on COVID-19 pandemic here yesterday, he said Mysuru has been one among a few districts in the State which has been recording more number of Corona positive cases and deaths. House-to-house health check-up drive has been launched in the district to conduct COVID test on the spot and start medication immediately. The State Government is ready to supply the required medicine in bulk to check this contagion, he said.

Testing must be conducted in all 149 Primary Health Centres and 25 Urban PHCs, the Minister said adding that instructions have been given to officers managing testing centres to conduct test of all the citizens who come there. None should be sent back from testing sites as testing helps in early detection of Corona and immediate treatment.

## Over 12,000 people avail benefit from COVID Mitra: DC

Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri, who also attended the District Officers meeting, said efforts were on to contain this pandemic in the district by ramping up testing and other facilities for the early detection of cases. A memorandum was submitted to Dy.CM for supply of medicine and oxygen. The novel idea of starting COVID Mitra has been yielding good results with over 12,000 people taking benefit of it. The

citizens could visit COVID Mitra for common cold and cough instead of searching for doctors elsewhere, she noted.

## Rewards for COVID-free Wards

The DC said rewards will be given for those group of COVID Task Force that will make any Ward in the City Corporation, TMC, CMC or Gram Panchayat free from new Corona positive cases for 21 days continuously.

The house-to-house survey for early detection of COVID cases has been going on throughout the district and it will culminate on June 25. Three Wards in Mysuru City Corporation which don't report any fresh case for 21 days will get a reward of Rs. one lakh each to be spent on development works. Similarly, CMCs, TMCs and Gram Panchayats that will make any Ward free from Corona, will get a cash prize of Rs. 25,000 each to be spent on its development works.

The staff of any three PHCs or UPHCs, who strive in bringing down Corona cases to zero will be given 'COVID Mitra Kayaka' award. Members of COVID Ward Task Force Committee including doctors, nurses and ASHA workers will be honoured with awards and certificates during Doctors Day on July 1.

## Vacant beds

Rohini Sindhuri said around 100 - 150 oxygenated beds are vacant in District Hospitals because of which additional supply of oxygen was demanded. The Government was supplying 55 KL of oxygen and the district has sought 70 KL. Need of the hour was to launch a united fight against the pandemic, she noted.

# 15 villages in Mysuru Taluk SEALED DOWN

- Micro-Containment Zones opened in 10 villages
- Outsiders, fairs and festivals are super-spreaders

*Mysuru Taluk Tahsildar K.R. Rakshith and health team inspecting Dhanagalli village.*

Mysuru, May 21 (MTY&BCT)- With the COVID-19 curve in Mysuru showing no signs of flattening, the authorities have decided to tighten restrictions in a few villages, where the number of infections reported have been rather high. Ignorant of COVID-appropriate behaviour and safety protocols, villages are bearing the brunt of the second wave.

The disturbing part is that almost all the villages in the district have seen positive cases, forcing the local authorities to even seal down a few of them. Over 15 villages in Mysuru Taluk have been completely sealed down. Over 1,300 patients in these villages are being treated at various hospitals and COVID Care facilities.

Among the villages that have been sealed down are Hanchya, K.M. Hundi, Chuncharayanahundi, Muduki Chikkanahundi (M.C. Hundi) Chatnalli, Hootagalli, Hinkal, Soligara Colony, Gopalapura, Government Uthanahalli, Lalithadripura, Siddaramayyana Hundi and Nagawala. Micro-Containment Zones have been opened at Dhanagalli, Megalapura, Varuna, Naganahalli, Yedahalli, Kalloor Naganahalli, Vajamangala, Pillalli and Badagalahundi.

Officials in the District Administration said that the residents will have to confine themselves completely to home. Since multiple cases have been reported in these villages, the administration will be keeping all their primary contacts in quarantine as a precautionary measure.

### Super-spreaders

Many villagers say that the visit of relatives and friends from Bengaluru, Mysuru and other cities in large numbers to their native villages contributed to the spread of COVID-19. Also, following stringent lockdown measures, there was an influx of city dwellers to the villages, worsening the situation.

Apart from outsiders carrying the virus to the hinterland, village fairs, weddings and other ceremonies have continued unabated and have now turned out to be super-spreader events with no checks. While even in Tier-2 cities some protocols are followed, in rural areas, no such rules are in place.

Villages typically have weaker medical infrastructure and lower testing capacity, which means many cases go unreported. Nonetheless, the infection numbers provide a rough sense of the emerging hotspots. Limited public healthcare, including a dearth of testing facilities, means the threat is grave in rural areas that are home to a majority of the population.

Health Department official confirmed that most of the positive cases in the villages are of people aged less than 45 years. The villagers said that many have died in the last few days and people are even apprehensive about getting themselves tested.

### Three COVID Care Centres

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Mysuru Taluk Tahsildar K.R. Rakshith said that the second wave has hit the villages badly and the administration has acted by sealing down 15 villages from where over 1,300 people are being treated for infection.

"Three dedicated COVID Care Centres have been opened at Varakodu Morarji Desai Residential School, Yelachenahalli Farm and at Doddakanya where over 500 people are being treated. Those villages that have been sealed down have a window of shopping in the neighbourhood shops and also they can come to Mysuru to purchase essentials," he said and added that people have been asked to avoid unnecessary travel.

COVID Mitra has been established at Primary Health Centres (PHCs) in Varuna, Siddaramayyana Hundi, Mellahalli (Harohalli), Keelanapura, Hanchya, Naganahalli, Kadakola, Doora, Udbur, Jayapura, K. Salundi, Beerihundi, Yelwal, Sagarakatte and Maddur. Suspicious COVID cases are being counselled and medical kits and isolation kits are being given and if they complain of breathlessness, they are shifted to hospitals immediately, Rakshith added.

### Sealed down villages

**Hanchya, K.M. Hundi, Chuncharayanahundi, Muduki Chikkanahundi (M.C. Hundi) Chatnalli, Hootagalli, Hinkal, Soligara Colony, Gopalapura, Government Uthanahalli, Lalithadripura, Siddaramayyana Hundi and Nagawala**

### Micro-Containment Zones opened

**Dhanagalli, Megalapura, Varuna, Naganahalli, Yedahalli, Kalloor Naganahalli, Vajamangala, Pillalli and Badagalahundi.**

# UK doctors through phone help homeland fight COVID scourge

**By M.B. Pavan Murthy**

Mysuru, May 21- As Mysuru is ravaged by a crippling COVID-19 wave, members of the Indian diaspora are struggling to find ways to help. One group among them is especially distressed: Doctors. They have reached out to their native land to help patients through Tele-care and Tele-counselling facilities. And technology has facilitated this reach out programme that is seeing good results.

While Mysuru has been facing acute shortage of doctors – a similar situation in Karnataka and India – there has been a rather huge export of doctors to foreign shores where the medical professionals have migrated for greener pastures. Now it is the same team of doctors that is coming to the rescue of COVID patients back in their homeland.

A COVID Telecare facility has been established in city by the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) exclusively for over-the-phone consultations where patients in Mysuru consult NRI doctors and a team of local doctors in Mysuru. The Telecare facility is at Ideal Jawa Rotary School on JLB Road that has been set up in association with Rotary Mysore, Citizen Forum, GSS Foundation and Young Indians Mysuru.

## God response

The facility has been in action since May 12 and the response from both patient side and doctors side is good. Over 150 calls are received per day where doctors advise patients on maintaining good health, positivity, medicine routine and also counselling. The Telecare facility is just not limited to calls and counselling. The volunteers here purchase medicines to needy patients and even deliver them to the doorsteps. This service is free of cost.

The facility has a team of doctors who are staying in UK and whose roots are in India. Leading the team of doctors from the UK are Dr. Girish Vashista and his wife Sumana Girish. Dr. Girish Vashista is working as an orthopaedic surgeon at a reputed hospital, Sumana is a homemaker and it is Sumana's initiative to provide over-the-phone consultation.

## Free consultation as per time zone

"The Telecare facility is provided whenever the doctors are free and as the team of doctors is big, the calls are constant. As of now, 10 doctors are offering their services and from next week 45 doctors will offer free consultation and medicare guidance," Sumana told *Star of Mysore* over phone from Britain.

"We are in a situation where we have the skills to help, and yet unable to do so. It upsets me a lot because I think if I do not serve my homeland, I will be failing in my duties," she said. The team from UK

***Dr. Girish Vashista and his wife Sumana Girish.***
*Picture right:* ***Dr. T.S. Amarnath***

functions as per the time zone and the team comprises field specialists. "I would want to mention the services of Dr. T.S. Amarnath who provides consultation from 3.30 am to 6.30 am that coincides with Indian time from 8 am to 11 am. Later, he leaves for his regular duties," Sumana revealed.

## Debunking misinformation

The team focuses on ways to help from afar. One is through their research which focuses on making medical communication accessible to the pockets of society that are usually alienated by it. "Basically we are airing information about COVID-19 and this information is based on practical experience, debunking misinformation. We clear doubts related to the disease, its treatment, ways to prevent it, and the vaccine," she said.

Among the information included in the conversation are guidelines on whether to seek immediate medical attention for COVID-19 patients, in order to avoid unnecessary hospital rushes. The team offers consultations to patients seeking second opinions from specialists.

## Medical kits and home isolation kits

"With a shortage of doctors and panic about the Coronavirus taking over, many patients find themselves in a situation where they test positive and don't know whether to go to the hospital or just care for their symptoms at home," explained Rotary Mysore Past President Chethan Vishwanath. The doctors provide consultation on home isolation, medication and overall counselling.

Each doctor working at this facility has been provided SIM cards to interact with patients and after consultation, the medical kits and home isolation kits provided by the MCC is distributed among the patients, Chethan Vishwanath said. The Telecare facility has eased the pressure on the War Room and there are plans in the higher level to provide more resources to Telecare facility and further decrease the burden of the War Room.

**Call Telecare facility for consultation on**

**0821-2420112**

**0821-2420113**

***The Telecare facility at Ideal Jawa Rotary School on JLB Road that has been set up in association with Rotary Mysore, Citizen Forum, GSS Foundation and Young Indians Mysuru.***

# City Corporation adopts Micro Triage

**(Continued on page 1)**

MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag and her team have come up with this new strategy where teams armed with pulse-oximetres, thermal guns and oxygen concentrators gain access into each Apartment and work in tandem with the residents to identify vulnerable population and give immediate treatment if need be.

Shilpa Nag told *Star of Mysore* that every Apartment Complex invariably has a doctor and some even have dispensaries. "We will identify those doctors and seek help to identify people who need medical attention. Generally the people living in Apartments are hesitant to go to COVID Mitras and other facilities. Also, many a times there are senior citizens who lead a lonely life in such Apartments. We want to reassure them that the administrative machinery is with them in times of crisis," she said.

In this Micro Triaging system, ground staff will conduct tracing and monitoring of vitals like oxygen saturation and temperature, especially those without thermometers and pulse-oximetres at home.

If a person who tests positive and needs oxygen support at their homes, the MCC teams will provide the same. "In case a person's condition is serious, he will be immediately triaged and referred to the War Room for bed allocation and further treatment. People who are already in isolation will be given Home Isolation Kits free of cost," she explained.

Those who have tested positive can walk into the MCC team centres for physical triaging or stabilisation and this will ensure quicker response, localised decision-making. In the current system, if medical intervention is required, the MCC personnel will refer the patient to a hospital, Shilpa Nag added. Medical professionals residing in the Apartments will be requested to volunteer their services and help the civic body in screening patients for Micro Triaging.

# No more jolly rides during lockdown

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During checking, many two-wheelers riders had brought out their vehicles to buy a bunch of coriander leaves or a small packet of curds and milk. The Police, who reminded them about the rule (Not to bring vehicles while going out for purchases and make purchases at shops close to their residences by walk) seized the vehicles and brought them (vehicles) to the jurisdictional Police Stations.

Each and every motorist was questioned for moving around and those who provided valid reasons by producing relevant documents were let off. Health workers, medical staff, medicine and medical equipment suppliers, media persons, goods vehicles carrying essential commodities, persons carrying essential items to other places in two-wheelers, vehicles carrying agricultural equipment, family members on their way to attend last rites, those going to vaccination centres and to get RT-PCR test done were allowed to go. Fines were imposed on those who were found without face mask.

*Family members and relatives of a deceased person, wearing PPE suits, on their way to attend the last rites in city this noon.*

Inspectors, Sub-Inspectors, Assistant Sub-Inspectors and staff of Devaraja, Narasimharaja, Krishnaraja, V.V. Puram and Siddarthanagar Traffic Police Stations conducted checking of vehicles at their respective jurisdictions. Also, the entire Police team created awareness on the pandemic, precautions to be taken to prevent the spread of the virus and also on the ill effects of moving around without face mask.

The Police have urged the public to follow the lockdown guidelines, stay indoors and not to move around unnecessarily.

# Chamarajanagar's 130 villages under the grip of virus

## Lack of preparedness, severe staff crunch at Panchayat level worsen crisis

Chamarajanagar, May 21 (SS&BCT)- The once Green Zone of Chamarajanagar that had gained national accolades even from Union Health Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan for maintaining a virus-free condition is now becoming a Red Zone with over 130 villages under the tight grip of COVID-19.

Of the 509 villages in the district, the infection has spread to 260 villages. Shockingly, the virus has been detected even in villages like Padasalanathha on the tip of the famed M.M. Hills. Even the virus has not spared villages bordering forests.

As per the District Health Office data, 83 percent of the COVID-positive cases have been reported in village areas where there is an absolute lack of medical facilities. Over 79 percent of the new cases that were reported in April emerged from rural areas or villages while only 21 percent of the cases were reported from towns and in May, the percentage touched 83 percent, reporting a significant increase.

Following the rapid pace in which the disease is marching into rural and remote pockets, the District Administration has announced that Containment Zones will be introduced based on the number of cases in a locality.

Any rural area in a radius of 100 metres reporting more than 5 COVID cases will be declared as a Containment Zone and if 10 or more cases are reported in a small village, the entire settlement will be sealed off. In case of bigger village, the entire affected streets where cases are reported will be declared as Containment Zones.

The administration's plan on Containment Zones is not working out as people are moving around freely. As per guidelines, local Panchayat officers must take charge of Containment Zones and ensure supplies of essential commodities. But in several villages, the Panchayats are not supporting the households and this has made COVID-positive persons to fend for themselves and are in-turn spreading the disease to the neighbourhood in the name of purchasing essential commodities.

The District Administration too has a role to play here as the complete focus of the authorities is on city areas like Kollegal and Gundlupet and urban population while the rural areas have received little attention. Even the move of the district authorities to shift the virus-infected people to COVID Care Centres — instead of curtailing them in the isolation zones — has not yielded any result. Reacting on the complaints and lack of effective measures, ZP CEO Bhoyar Harshal Narayanrao said "We have a staff crunch and this is resulting in bad management of containment zones that are contributing to the disease spread. We have created Task Forces headed by Panchayat Development Officers comprising Panchayat Presidents, members and Anganwadi workers, ASHA volunteers to manage the job. Panchayat funds are being utilised to purchase essential items to the families who are in isolation," he said.

# COVID patients shake legs with health staff to beat stress at Varakodu COVID Centre

*In a bid to boost the confidence level of COVID patients housed at the COVID Care Centre at Moodalahundi near Varakodu, the health staff dressed in PPE suit danced with the patients on Wednesday and the video of which has gone viral on social media. The Morarji Desai Model Residential School has been converted into a COVID Care Centre, in which 20 COVID positive asymptomatic patients are undergoing treatment. Dr. Rashmi and nurses Manjula and Sumithra are taking care of the patients in one shift, while Dr. Manjunath and nurses Sunanda, Satish, Arunakshi and M.N. Pavithra work in the other shift. It was nurses Manjula and Sumithra, who wore the PPE suits and danced with the patients. The health staff said that most patients become dull while a few other become depressed and hence to keep them lively and active, the health staff make the patients dance to popular Kannada film songs, which also boost their confidence level.*

# Deaths due to oxygen shortage: Immediate relief of Rs. 2 lakh to kin

Bengaluru, May 21 (Agencies)- The Karnataka Government yesterday informed the High Court that it has decided to give Rs. 2 lakh compensation immediately for time being to each family of 24 victims of Chamarajanagar oxygen tragedy. Advocate General Prabhuling K. Navadagi made submission to this effect yesterday before the Special Division Bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Aravind Kumar.

The Court accepted the assurance and said, "We hope and trust the assurance is acted upon immediately." It added, "However, the issue of whether there were only 24 deaths due to lack of oxygen or there were more deaths and adequacy of compensation will have to be gone into."

A total of 24 patients died on May 2 and 3 in Chamarajanagar District Hospital due to shortage of oxygen. Following the directions issued by the Court, the Committee, constituted by the Karnataka State Legal Services Authority and headed by former Judge of High Court Justice A.N. Venugopala Gowda, submitted a report confirming the deaths due to shortage of oxygen.

Attributing the tragedy to the callousness of the District Administration, the Committee also recommended compensation to the families of victims. Taking note of the recommendations, the Court had directed the State Government to take a stand on payment of compensation.

While directing the Govt. to immediately release compensation, the Bench said that it would consider at a later stage the issue of adequacy of compensation and whether only 24 people died due to oxygen shortage.

# 'Green and renewable energy technologies are panacea for sustenance of next generation'

## Prof. Shamsundar of NIE-CREST interacts with MGP members

*File photos of Prof. Shamsundar giving demo on 'Green and Renewable Energy Technologies.'*

Mysuru, May 21 (SSV)- Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) held a virtual interactive session on the topic 'Green and Renewable Energy Technologies for Home and Apartments' here recently.

*Prof. Shamsundar*

Prof. Shamsundar Subbarao, Head, NIE Centre for Renewable Energy and Sustainable Technologies (NIE-CREST), spoke on various means of generating renewable energies for day-to-day life from the neglected tonnes of everyday waste which, when processed properly, would not only generate new energies but also reduce pollution, develop clean and green atmosphere.

Stressing on the segregation of waste at home, he advised people to convert wet waste into compost and handover dry waste to Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) to make by-products and dispose off the least rejected like the biomedical and sanitary waste to MCC for recycling.

**Biomass technology**

He explained about generating renewable energy from biomass in the form of compost through plastic drums placed in a corner within the compound or at the top of the house if no space is available at the ground level, filled with food waste from kitchen, vegetable waste etc., which is being converted as organic manure and used for plants grown in the compound.

"As an entrepreneur, I have taken up similar projects at my home and getting benefited in the form of manure and biogas. This type of arrangements are being followed in several apartments in Siddartha Layout, at Pramathi School, at Deputy Commissioner's residence, Mysuru Zoo and at some houses in Chikkahalli village near city," he added.

Prof. Shamsundar said several awareness programmes have been held by CREST team with students visiting various schools where young students learn more quickly and follow.

Similarly the wet waste in large quantities is stored in big tanks to produce biogas to supplement the LPG at the kitchen to save gas cost.

The MCC Pourakarmikas are also trained to take up similar projects out of the wet waste and create community development, he explained. Even the temple waste including used flowers are being used for generating the compost to be recycled as manure to the flower plants grown in temples.

Similarly, biofuel /biodiesel generated out of plants including neem, honge, jatroppa, are used as fuel along with diesel for vehicles.

**Solar energy converted to power for homes**

Referring to another aspect of PPP model of renewable energy generation through solar panels on roof tops investing over Rs.1 lakh to Rs. 2 lakh, he explained that the house owners could get benefit of power generation required for homes and also avail benefit from selling surplus power to the power grid at a reasonable rate and wipe off the investment expenses in due course. These projects are included in the syllabus of final year Engineering students. Such projects have been executed in apartments, tribal hamlets near Hunsur etc., as a measure of community development, he said.

**Rain water harvesting**

In a further reference to the methods of renewable energy generation for public life, he mentioned that rain water harvesting is one of the important projects for utilisation of natural resources and utilising them for day-to-day life and earn incentives for such projects in the form of subsidy from the Government. Rain water harvesting is being followed at Mysore Palace, Mysore Silk factory, Bandipur and Nagarahole forest ranges, he added.

**Power generation from windmills**

Similar are the projects connected with erecting of windmills on hilltops and at sea coasts to generate power with low cost and earn more benefits, he said.

Summing up the discussion, Prof. Shamsundar wanted people to take up such renewable energy projects with new technology and innovative gadgets right from the kitchen level to big projects for energy generation to help not only themselves but also for sustaining the next generation to be comfortable and called for the involvement of younger generation without waiting for the Government to come up with their projects.

S.V. Raghavendra, EC member of MGP, introduced the speaker. K.V. Ramanath, Treasurer, MGP, proposed a vote of thanks. Other participants included Dr. Shivamurthy, MGP President, C.R. Aswathanarayana, Working President, EC members Sreemathi, Vijayalakshmi Srinivasan, Dr.T.N. Manjunath, Vasanthakumar Mysoremath and Venkatesh Kharidi. For any information to join MGP, contact Ph: 0821-2515150, after 5 pm.

# 20 domestic helps and Pourakarmikas get Rs. 1 lakh health insurance

Mysuru, May 21 (PM&DM)- A total of 20 domestic helps and Pourakarmikas were each distributed Rs. 1 lakh Health Insurance Policy under 'Corona Kavacha' (Corona Cover) scheme at a programme organised by Belaku Charitable Trust in front of Jana Seva Kendra on Ramanuja Road here recently.

Speaking on the occasion, Trust President K.M. Nishant said that domestic helps earn a petty sum of money toiling hard the entire day, while Pourakarmikas are engaged in cleaning up the city of wastes and garbage.

Stressing on the need for providing them a health cover during this critical period as they are more exposed to health hazards, he said that the Trust has now covered 20 of them with Rs. 1 lakh health insurance.

Nishant appealed philanthropists, donors, people's representatives and other well-to-do members of the public to help the poor and vulnerable sections of the society in this hour of crisis.

BJP leaders K.P. Madhusudhan, M.N. Dhanush, Deepak, Praveen, Amruthesh, Mohan, Chetan, Sudarshan and others were present.

# 'Gather information on COVID-infected members'

## Scouts & Guides Commissioner directs District Unit

Mysuru, May 21 (SPN&DM)- Karnataka Scouts and Guides Commissioner **PGR Sindhia**, who is also a former Minister, has written to the District Scouts and Guides Commissioner to gather complete information on COVID-infected Scouts and Guides and their family members and deaths, if any.

In the letter, Sindhia has instructed to visit the homes of all members who died of COVID or any other reason and console their family members. He has also directed to attend issues such as COVID treatment, oxygen beds etc., concerning the infected Scouts and Guides.

# Compassion and Concern

## MCC distributes cheques to deceased employees' families

Mysuru, May 21 (KS) - Heart-rending scenes were witnessed during the distribution of compensation cheques to the families of COVID-deceased MCC employees when MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag, Mayor Rukmini Madegowda, Deputy Mayor Anwar Baig and other MCC Officials visited their homes yesterday to give away the cheque of Rs. 5 lakh each to each family.

While MCC employees Ravi and Vinod passed away three days ago, another employee Mahadev had breathed his last on May 3.

The Commissioner, Mayor, Deputy Mayor and officials, who visited the house of Mahadev, a Pourakarmika, at Pourakarmika Colony in Jyothinagar, gave the cheque to Mahadev's wife Sathyamma and consoled her.

When the MCC team visited the house of Ravi, a driver, at N.R. Mohalla, Ravi's mother Kamala and wife Bharathi, upon seeing the Commissioner and the Mayor became inconsolable and the Officers had a tough time consoling them.

Commissioner Shilpa Nag, who consoled Ravi's mother, told her, "We tried very hard to save the life of Ravi, but could not. We are with you and the family." The delegation later gave the compensation cheque to the family members.

The team then visited the house of Vinod, a driver of the MCC fogging vehicle at Bharath Nagar, where they met Vinod's father Gopal, other family members and handed over the compensation cheque.

Gopal, who became inconsolable, told the MCC delegation that Vinod was deployed for fogging around houses with COVID patients. "Though we had told him to take precautions and despite Vinod taking all precautions, he contracted the virus, which snuffed out his life. Please give a job to his wife Dakshayini," Gopal pleaded.

The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and the Commissioner, who consoled the family members, assured them of doing their best and handed over the cheque.

The MCC delegation had a tough time consoling the families of deceased MCC employees, who began to weep bitterly unable to bear the loss of their dear ones and bread earners.

*MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag seen hugging Ravi's mother Kamala and consoling her after she became inconsolable on seeing the MCC delegation at her doorstep yesterday.*

*Pictures above show MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag, Mayor Rukmini Madegowda and Deputy Mayor Anwar Baig handing over cheques to family members of the deceased civic workers.*

# Corporator SBM Manju's noble gesture

*In a noble gesture during COVID times, Ward No. 6 Corporator SBM Manju distributed rice to the needy residents of Gokulam and Brindavan Extension on May 13. Also seen are Brindavan Kumar, Mahadev, Shivu and Nagaraj, who too lent a helping hand.*

# Obituary

**Pattamada Ponnumuthu**

Mysuru, May 21 - Pattamada Ponnumuthu (Maneyapanda), wife of late P.P. Aiyanna and a resident of Kuvempunagar, passed away yesterday night in city. She was 85.

She leaves behind one son and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Mukthidhama in Vijayanagar 4th Stage this morning.

**Fathima Burchett**

Fathima Burchett (44), a resident of Mysuru, passed away yesterday afternoon in Bengaluru.

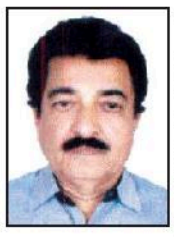
She leaves behind her husband Duke Burchett, daughters Jillian Burchett and Andria Burchett and a host of relatives and friends. Funeral was held in Bengaluru today.

**T. Muzamil Ahmed**

T. Muzamil Ahmed (55), a Pharmacist and proprietor of Azeem Medicals at N.R. Mohalla, passed away at a private hospital in city yesterday following brief illness. He was a resident of Bannimantap 'C' Layout.

He leaves behind his wife, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends. Namaz-e-Janaza and burial took place at the Muslim Burial Grounds in city yesterday.

**Mohammed Noorul Haq**



Mohammed Noorul Haq (74), a retired Professor, son of late Abdul Kareem and a resident of Bannimantap 'A' Layout, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife, one daughter, one son and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza and burial took place at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle yesterday.

**Alhaj Abdul Lateef Khan**

Alhaj Abdul Lateef Khan (83), proprietor of Citizen Furnishers, Hirers & Decorators on Sawday Road in Mandi Mohalla and a resident of Bannimantap 'C' Layout, passed away on Wednesday afternoon at his residence.

He leaves behind two daughters, three sons including Tabraiz Ahmed Khan, Managing Partner of Royal Convention Hall and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza and burial took place on May 19 evening at the Muslim Burial grounds near Tipu Circle.

**Mahadevu**

Mahadevu (65), a Contractor and a resident of Gokulam, passed away on Tuesday in city.

He leaves behind his wife, one son, brother, sisters and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at Chirashanthidhama in Gokulam.

**Girish**

Girish (48), an advocate and a resident of Kuvempunagar, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife, children and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed in city.

**K.B. Somashekar**

**Nanjangud**: K.B. Somashekar (91), Chairman of Sri Neelakanteshwara Shikshana Samsthe, retired Principal of Government Boys College and an Education expert, passed away yesterday at a private hospital in Mysuru, following brief illness. He leaves behind his wife, one son, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at his native place Kabballi.

## WORD OF THE DAY

### Fustian

**Pronunciation:** FUSS-chun.
**Meaning:** A strong cotton and linen fabric; a class of cotton fabrics usually having a pile face and twill weave; high-flown or affected writing or speech; broadly: anything high-flown or affected in style.
**Origin:** Fustian first entered English in the 13th century, by way of Anglo-French, as a term for a kind of fabric. (Its ultimate Latin source is probably the word fustis, meaning "tree trunk.") Several centuries into use as a noun and an attributive noun, fustian spread beyond textiles to describe pretentious writing or speech. Christopher Marlowe was a pioneer in the word's semantic expansion: in his 16th-century play Doctor Faustus, he employs the word in this new way when the student Wagner says, "Let thy left eye be diametarily [sic] fixed upon my right heel, with quasi vestigiis nostris insistere," and the clown replies, "God forgive me, he speaks Dutch fustian." And later, the titular doctor himself is called "Dr. Fustian" repeatedly by a horse dealer — an apt misnomer considering the Doctor's speech habits.
**Example:** "The last couple of Lyric 'Rigoletto' productions have ranged from muddled to disastrous, but this one, using handsome sets that originated at the San Francisco Opera in 1997 and deftly staged by revival director E. Loren Meeker, works to tell the story directly, without fuss or fustian." —John von Rhein, The Chicago Tribune, 9 Oct. 2017.

## THE ODD WORD

### Famigerate

To carry news from abroad.

## PHRASE OF THE DAY

### Fool me once, shame on you

**Meaning:** Recognising that you fell for the same trick twice and realising that you should've been able to identify it the second time around.
**Origin:** The earliest recording of this phrase in print is from a book called The Court and Character of King James by Anthony Weldon, 1651, where it reads: "The Italians having a Proverb, 'He that deceives me once, its his fault; but if twice, its my fault'." Based on the quote, it's possible that this saying has an Italian origin, but I don't think that can be confirmed for sure. Whatever the case, what we do know from this quote is that the phrase is over 360 years old, and it's probably much older.

## QUOTE BOX

If you want to shine like a sun, first burn like a sun. **—APJ Abdul Kalam**

## RIDDLE THIS

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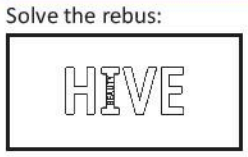


*Answer: Beauty is in the eye of the beholder.*

## CROSS WORD

**ACROSS:**
1 Oliver Hardy's partner ___ Laurel
5 Mt. Rushmore's state (1,3)
9 Nursery item
12 Column support
13 Little bit
14 Rock music style
15 Defeat, get the better of
16 Questioning very heatedly?
18 Biblical figure
20 A type of tropical tree
21 Playful animal
22 Large bird
23 Roman seven
24 Sharp to the taste
27 Amount owing
31 North American nation
32 Dead language
34 To spoil
35 Carte du jour
37 Round-bottomed water bottle for us Indians
38 Something cold in the drink
39 Total
41 Unpleasant
43 Frequently
46 Lift up or rear
47 Irregular fighter
50 Fat
52 Genetic initials
53 A solemn pledge
54 Huron's neighbour
55 Walsh and O'Neill
56 Silent assents
57 Cannon of "Heaven Can Wait"

**YESTERDAY'S ANSWER**

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**DOWN**
1 Weep
2 Dissertation
3 German shepherd dog
4 Our (French)
5 Indication
6 A black European beetle
7 Air Transport Indicator
8 Maulana Abul __ Azad
9 Linden tree
10 Ever present as a prefix
11 Hindu ascetic
17 Praise
19 By mouth
21 Egg cell
22 Revise copy
25 Not excited
26 IRS in India
28 Diplomatic messenger
29 Germs
30 A low card but not the deuce
33 Mr. Patekar of Bollywood
36 Internet patron
40 Alliance
42 Was unwell or was sick
43 Fearsome giant
44 Supply with money
45 Afternoon refreshers?
46 Cheering words
48 Thai language - "Ola" anagram?
49 Limited, in short
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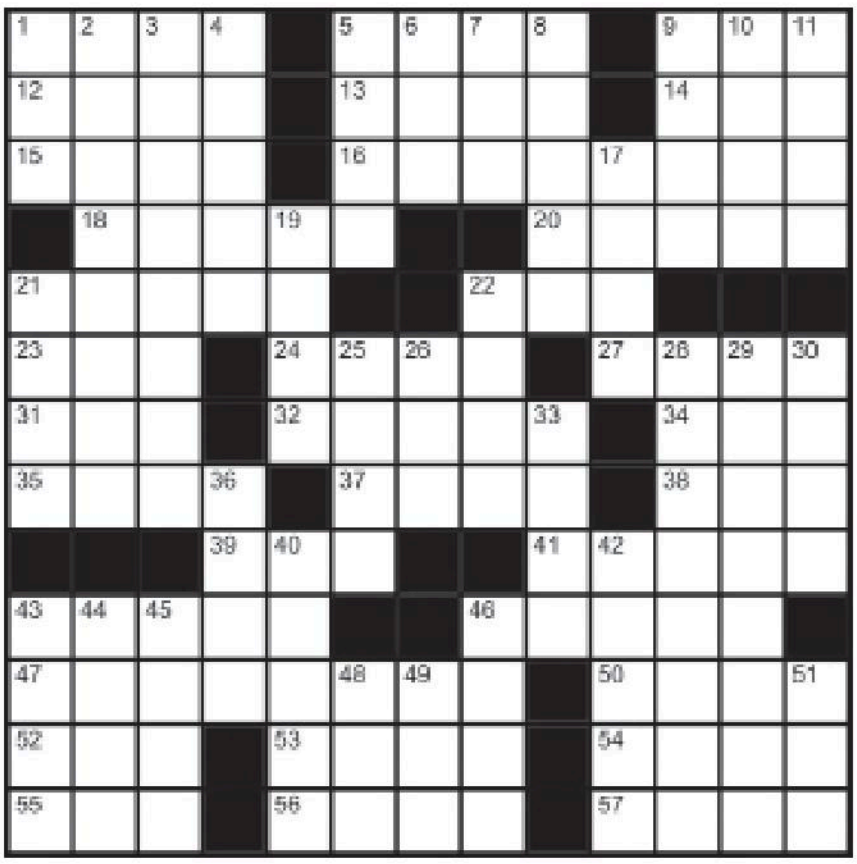

## SUDOKO

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Answer to previous puzzle

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| 5 | 9 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 8 | 6 | 2 | 7 |
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

## CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

**MWZJ MYNJ MP BJUYVJQWMJ, VGM HSJF MSJ MYNJ LPQ**

**WXMYPF SWT WQQYCJB, TMPE MSYFZYFI WFB IP YF.**

**TODAY'S CLUE: W EQUALS A**

**Yesterday's Cryptoquip:** I have learnt silence from the talkative, toleration from the intolerant, and kindness from the unkind; yet strange, I am ungrateful to these teachers.

# Medical kits, medicines, food and groceries donated

Mysuru, May 21 (KS) - With the COVID-19 second wave creating havoc in city, many individuals and organisations have volunteered to serve the needy in their own way. While a few have contributed in the form of food and medicines, some others organisations have been distributing groceries, medicines etc. to the needy. Volunteers of a few organisations have been running around the city distributing food and delivering medicines to senior citizens and to those in home isolation.

**Rotary Heritage Mysuru,** under President Rtn. P. Surendra and with the able support of Charter President Rtn. K. Manjunath and Club members, are preparing and distributing around 1,200 food packets every day. The food is prepared under hygienic conditions with lots of vegetables and cereals with all the nutrition and boosts immunity to fight Corona. The food is packed in aluminium foil covers and is being distributed at various localities in and around the city. Rajanna, proprietor of Amma Choultry has provided the kitchen, utensils and premises to be used free of cost, thereby contributing to the cause in a huge way.

**Tripth Paatr Army** is a charitable wing of Shiv Shakti Shivalaya Religious and Charitable Trust of city where the volunteers help the needy. The Trust has helped over a thousand people during the current pandemic by providing food, groceries and other essentials.

The volunteers collect excess food from donors and also prepare fresh food to serve the needy. The volunteers also run around to deliver medicines only for those who are in home isolation and for senior citizens.

*Members of Rotary Heritage Mysuru seen packing freshly prepared food to be distributed to needy people in and around city.*

*Triton Valves' Ashok Kumar Vyas and others seen handing over medicines worth Rs. 10.70 lakh to MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag.*

*Pandit Visal Sharma of Tripth Paatr Army seen handing over groceries to a beneficiary in city.*

The Trust plans to provide free education to poor students and construct a 'gaushala' (cattle shed) to shelter stray cattle and feed them. The Trust can be reached by calling Pandit Vishal Sharma on Mob: 98862-95411.

City's **Triton Valves** has donated medicines worth Rs. 10.70 lakh to be distributed to COVID patients. The medicines were handed over to MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag recently by Triton Valves' Ashok Kumar Vyas on behalf of Managing Director Aditya Gokarna. Triton Valves' Dr. Paramesh, Srinivas, Yashwanth, Nandini and Sowmya were present along with MCC Health Officer Dr. D.G. Nagaraj.

Members of **Jain International Trade Organisation (JITO)** yesterday handed over 91 units of COVID Care Kits with medicines to be distributed to the needy patients of Bilikere village. The kits were handed over to Deputy Tahsildar Mahadev Nayak and Revenue Inspector Lohith by JITO Mysore Chapter Vice-President Arun Bafna, Chief Secretary Mahaveer Jain, Secretary Jaykumar Salecha, PRO Rajan Baghmar, Treasurer Manohar Sankala, KKG Treasurer Deepak Bohra and members of Jain community.

**Public Health Research Institute of India (PHRII),** a local NGO not only distributed dry ration but also created awareness about COVID-19 among the public.

As life has become miserable for transgenders, daily wage workers and tribal folks during the pandemic-induced lock-down their livelihoods have taken a massive hit.

In a bid to ease their struggle to some extent, PHRII conducted fundraising activities to support this community and provided them with dry rations.

PHRII Administrative Officer Poornima Jayakrishna along with the staff distributed dry ration to the community recently. The organisation is planning to distribute groceries around Mysuru in the coming days.

*PHRII Administrative Officer Poornima Jayakrishna and Community Supervisor Satyanarayana handing over the grocery to a member of the transgender community recently. Picture right shows members of Jain International Trade Organisation handing over medicines to an official to be distributed among needy patients.*

# Govt. allots 10,000 doses to Mysuru District: Stock expected this evening

## • Vaccination for 18 - 44 years to resume from tomorrow

Mysuru/Bengaluru, May 21 (SSV)- Mysuru District has been allotted 10,000 doses of Covishield vaccine for resumption of vaccination for people in the age group of 18 to 44 years from tomorrow.

With 3,810 doses of vaccine already available in the district, a total of 13,810 doses will be administered to the new 22 categories identified by the State Government for inoculating them against COVID-19 pandemic from tomorrow. The State-procured vaccines must be utilised to vaccinate the eligible beneficiaries and the vaccines supplied by the Government of India must not be used for this category of population.

"We just received a phone call from Bengaluru to collect the allotted vaccine. The stock is expected to arrive in Mysuru late evening," said Dr. L. Ravi, Reproduction and Child Health Officer and Nodal Officer for COVID-19 vaccination in Government Hospitals.

He said Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri will be the Officer-In-charge for vaccination and she will take a decision on appointment of Nodal Officers for all 22 categories of beneficiaries. This micro-planning may take a couple of days as list of every beneficiary has to be mentioned along with documents and photographs for taking the jab. The vaccine site will be decided by Nodal Officers in consultation with the Departments concerned.

**CATEGORIES**

The State Government has identified frontline warriors, who will be receiving vaccination initially. The categories are: Physically challenged and mentally challenged, staff of burial grounds and crematoria, immediate families of health care workers, teachers deputed on COVID duty, Government transport employees, auto and cab drivers, ESCOM, water supply employees, Postal Department employees, street vendors, private security/ house keeping staff, judicial officers, attendants of terminally ill patients, media, vendors supplying materials to hospitals, fuel/gas suppliers, APMC employees.

**PRIORITY GROUPS**

Construction workers, telecom and internet service providers, employees of airliners, bank staff, petrol station staff, film industry workers, advocates, KMF employees, Railway employees, garment workers, Forest Department employees, NHAI employees, GAIL staff, sports personalities representing the State and India, HAL employees and inmates of Women Centres of Women and Child Development Department.

According to a circular issued by Karnataka Health Department, Nodal Officer will have to issue eligibility certificate of category under which beneficiary will be vaccinated. Deputy Commissioners at the District-level will be in charge of vaccination of this group. Workplace vaccination will be the mode of implementation. Number of such vaccination sites and number of vaccinations per day will be decided by districts based on availability of vaccines.

After completion of State frontline workers other priority groups as per list will be vaccinated. Producing eligibility certificate is mandatory to avail vaccination. Any valid ID approved by GOI need to be produced for registration on CoWIN portal.

# Noted environmental activist

## Sundarlal Bahuguna passes away

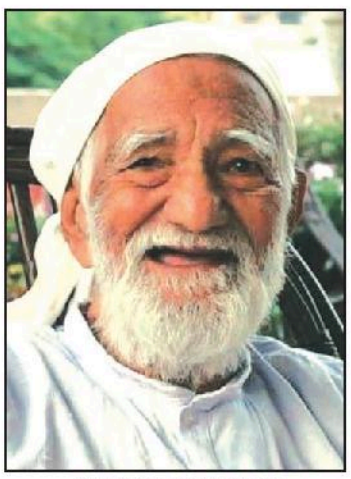
Dehradun, May 21 - Noted environmental activist and Founder of the 'Chipko Movement,' Sundarlal Bahuguna, passed away this morning at All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in Rishikesh where he was admitted following brief illness. He was 94.

Bahuguna died at 12.05 pm AIIMS Rishikesh Director Ravikant said.

One of India's best-known environmentalists, Bahuguna was admitted to the hospital on May 8 and his condition had turned critical last night. He was on CPAP therapy in the hospital's ICU.

Condoling the death, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the late environmentalist manifested "our centuries old ethos of living in harmony with nature."

The PM in his tweet said "Passing away of Shri Sunderlal Bahuguna Ji is a monumental loss for our nation. He manifested our centuries old ethos of living in harmony with nature. His simplicity and spirit of compassion will never be forgotten. My thoughts are with his family and many admirers. Om Shanti."



*Sundarlal Bahuguna*

Chipko movement was started on 26 March 1974 spontaneously in Uttar Pradesh, in an effort to save areas of trees and forests from cutting by forest contractors.

Bahuguna was presented with Padma Vibhushan Award by the Government of India for environment conservation in 2009, Padma Shri Award in 1981, but he had refused it, Right Livelihood Award (Chipko Movement) in 1987, Jamnalal Bajaj Award for constructive work in 1986 and Honorary Degree of Doctor of Social Sciences conferred by IIT Roorkee in 1989 among other awards.

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